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1. TOMAS OKOSUNO MARTINEZ, THE MEXICAN NATIONAL DEPORTED TO CUBA BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES APRIL 16 ALONG WITH THREE OTHER LATIN AMERICANS FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN BAADER-MEINHOF-RELATED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES HAS ANNOUNCED THROUGH HIS SWEDISH LAWYER, BENGT SODERSTROM, HIS INTENTION OF HAVING HIS CASE REOPENED AND OF SEEKING TO CLEAR HIS NAME IN SWEDEN. OKOSUNO'S CAUSE IS BEING SUPPORTED BY SWEDISH AMNESTY, WHICH WILL ASK MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS, OLA ULLSTEN, TO REVIEW GOS DEPORTATION ORDER FROM LAST APRIL.

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2. MEANWHILE, SWEDISH POLICIES TOWARD POLITICAL REFUGEES WERE DISCUSSED BY ULLSTEN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SWEDISH AMNESTY, THE CHILE COMMITTEE, THE SWEDISH REFUGEE COUNCIL (A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION), AND THE STATE IMMIGRATION BOARD. REFUGEE GROUPS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT THE GOS IS ABOUT TO INITIATE A HARDER POLICY IN REGARD TO ACCEPTANCE OF POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM CHILE. THEY ALSO CRITICIZED POLICE AT BORDER

CROSSING POINTS WHO HAVE FIRST SAY OVER THE ADMISSION OR EXCLUSION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARRIVE IN SWEDEN AND ASK FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM UPON ENTRY, SAYING THAT POLICE ARE ABLE TO SEND WOULD-BE REFUGEES BACK TO THEIR POINT OF ORIGIN BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE IMMIGRATION BOARD OR THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

3. ANOTHER POINT RAISED WAS THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL SWEDISH ANNUAL QUOTA FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES, WHICH STANDS AT 1250. THIS YEAR, ONLY 415 REFUGEES HAVE USED THE QUOTA. ON THE OTHER HAND, A "SPONTANEOUS IMMIGRATION" OF SOME 2500 WOULD-BE EXILES HAS TAKEN PLACE, 90 PERCENT FROM LATIN AMERICAN. THESE INDIVIDUALS EITHER REQUEST REFUGEE STATUS UPON ARRIVAL, OR COME AS TOURIST AND THEN SEEK TO CHANGE THEIR STATUS. AS A RESULT OF THIS UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION, THE STATE IMMIGRATION BOARD WOULD LIKE TO IMPOSE A VISA REQUIREMENT ON CITIZENS OF CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CHILE. HOWEVER, ANY PROPOSAL TO LIMIT ENTRY POSSIBILITIES FOR CHILEANS IS LIKELY TO MEET STORMY OPPOSITION FROM THE INFLUENTIAL "CHILE LOBBY".
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